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To: Microsoft ATR
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Subject: Microsoft Settlement

Hello,

I would just like to voice my opinion that I feel the proposed Microsoft settlement is not in the best interest of the people and in fact help Microsoft more than encourage it to not practice predatory behavior in the future.

As a systems manager in an educational system the thought of a company taking used computers and software that it makes inflating the value of both and giving it to schools who may need different tools, resources, or money does not seem helpful. Not only does it give Microsoft inroads into a market it has not been able to dominate, but it allows the company to "buy out" of its settlement for pennies on the dollar.

Microsoft has proved that it has no intention of changing its behavior by ignoring previous court orders. The only way to stop this kind of behavior is to completely change its corporate structure, as for how to do this ? I don't have a complete answer for this. I would suggest much smaller independent companies being formed from the whole that is Microsoft.

If my views or opinions can be of further assistance to you feel free to contact me. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to voice my feelings in this matter.

Sincerely,

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